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Community Renewal Summits

There are many opportunities for communities to come together to help the less fortunate, rather than just relying on an array of government programs that promote a culture of dependency. Community Renewal Summits instead provide "blueprints for rebuilding communities."

In 1996, several California Republican legislators joined with corporate sponsors and community leaders to begin a statewide program designed to provide non-profit groups, faith-based organizations and their leaders with a network of resources and ideas to encourage economic development in their communities. This public/private partnership, directed by the Capitol Resource Institute, developed community renewal summits and regional conferences that are held in various communities around the state.

The one-day summits provide a successful forum for legislators, government agencies and summit partners to interact with community and business leaders in workshops presented by people who have developed some of California's best programs. Workshop topics address vital community issues, providing blueprints for successful programs that include: collaborations with elected officials, economic development, health programs, education and job training, youth intervention, organizational management, faith-based and state initiatives, accessing organization resources, grant writing and much more.

In October, we held a Community Renewal Regional Conference in the Santa Paula and Fillmore area of Ventura County. The purpose was to introduce opportunities that are available to organizations through the Federal Faith-Based Initiative, the Compassion Capitol Fund, and to provide more tools for fiscal management of non-profit and faith-based organizations. Among those attending the conference included: Santa Paula Mayor Mary Ann Krause, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Councilman John Procter, and Fillmore Mayor Pro Tem Ken Smedley. Lois Green, President and CEO of The Business Liaison, Inc, which is a company that provides specialized services for corporations, women and minority-owned businesses, and Everett Rice, the Executive Director of the Community Renewal Project were the speakers for the half-day conference.

News of the Week

[Governor Holds Clemency Hearing for Tookie Williams](#)

[Linda Ellerbee is Keynote Speaker for the 2006 Antelope Valley Women's Conference](#)

[California Space Authority's "Transforming Space" Conference](#)

["The Shortest Long-Distance Flight in History"](#)

[State Senator John Campbell Elected to Congress](#)

[Governor Fine After Heart Check in Hospital](#)

[Housing Market to Slow, Not Crash](#)

[Dan Walters Column: New UC Report on College Just an Exercise in Statistical Fantasy](#)

Since its inception, Community Renewal Summits have empowered and equipped more than 2,000 faith-based and community leaders with knowledge and tools that have created successful economic revitalization programs in communities throughout California.

Please visit www.communityrenewal.com for a comprehensive look at the history and development of the project throughout the state.

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